

PROPHET AND BIG BUSINESS ENDS SERIES

Uncle Sam—"I Do Hope That Cloud Will Blow Over."

BOLD ROBBERS LOOT A WHOLESALE HOUSE

Ostrich and Bird of Paradise
Plumes Valued at \$4400 Taken
From Place of L. & A. Simon

SEEMS WORK OF EXPERTS

Thieves Use Ladder, Gain Entrance Through Skylight and Make Their Escape

One of the cleverest and most skillfully executed commercial robberies in the history of this city took place during the early hours of yesterday morning or late Saturday night when the wholesale millinery store of L. & A. Simon, 148 South West Temple street, was burglarized and \$4400 worth of ostrich and bird-of-paradise plumes stolen.

While the robbers effected an entrance to the store through a skylight at the bottom of a light well on the south side of the building and in the second story, Clarence Downs and George Ash, two peddlers, were sleeping in their wagon not more than fifty feet from the place where the robbery was working. So quiet was the work that neither of the sleepers were awakened.

All surrounding conditions were favorable to the robbery and the robbers availed themselves of every opportunity. The Simon store is met in the rear of the Continental feed yard, 123 West First St. and Second St. At all hours of the day and night teams drive in and out of this yard. Farmers stable their horses there and leave for the country during the early hours of the morning. Thus during the quiet hours of the night and morning the movement of men or vehicles in the yard does not cause special attention.

Work Is Quietly Done.

S. H. Skinner, who has charge of the feed yard, slept within 150 feet of the scene of the robbery, and as in the case of the peddler, he was not disturbed, but a vigilant

A large number of ladders were piled at the rear of the paint shop of Harvey Brown, 124 West Second South street. The robbers availed themselves of one of these ladders. They carried it to the union assay office, a one story build-

On the second floor were many costly desks and other expensive notions. However, they passed these by and went down stairs into the main hall.

stairs, into the rear of the store, where in a room 10x18 feet square, which could not be seen from the sidewalk on South West Temple street, were stored all the most valuable articles of merchandise in the store, such as bird-and-paradise plumes which had been only recently received to supply the fall trade. In all, 500 plumes were stolen. The plumes had been

placed in the inside of the cardboard boxes in which they were shipped and the thieves took them out of the boxes. The plumes were of all colors, but principally black and white. Adolph Simon, one of the proprietors of the store, told yesterday that by a simple steam-ironing process the plumes could be returned to their original salable condition.

That the building had been entered was discovered by J. C. Hogan, night

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